



Dear Church family,

One of the things that makes St Chads so special is the joy of being a family of all generations, glorifying God, loving community and following Jesus together.

Last Sunday Zeke gave us a brilliant update on our youth ministry and led us in praying for our young people, especially as they get ready for two key events: the youth weekend away and youth takeover service. As many of you know, Zeke will be moving on this summer and we are in a prayer and reflection about how we can best support, equip, and lead our amazing teams who serve with our youth and children — both on Sundays and during the week.

This is a key priority for St Chads and the PCC will be meeting early in June to decide on the next steps. We'll be sharing more with you after that, but in the mean time, we'd really value your prayers. And if you feel God is saying something to you — maybe a prophetic word or something on your heart — please do share it with one of the clergy, wardens, or PCC members. We'd love to hear from you.

Another way we live out being one family across the generations is through our monthly 'Blended' services (at the 11am service). There are many aspects of these which are lovely, but we've also been sensing for a while that they're not quite hitting the mark — and that now's the right time to stop, reflect, and dream again.

Anyone who's led church will tell you: bringing all ages together in worship is a beautiful but tricky thing. There's no perfect model. But we believe it's time for a refreshed vision for our Blended services — one that's shaped by our core values of glorifying God, loving community, and following Jesus. Getting a clear, shared sense of *why* we're gathering in this way, and *what* we're aiming for, will really help us move forward.

So, we're going to spend some time listening — both to God and to you, the 11am congregation. We'll be doing this in two ways: through conversations with different groups in the church, and through a short survey that we'd love everyone who's part of the 11am to take part in. Whether you're a child, a teenager, a parent, or someone who has never had kids or whose children are grown up — we want to hear from you. There are more details about this below, so read on for that and a number of other things coming up in the life of St Chads.

with love,

Richard.



Blended Consultation

Blended Services Consultation

We value your input as we consider the future of our blended services. You can take part in the consultation in the following ways:

Online Survey

[Click here](#) to fill in an online survey. If you have children, please complete one with them as well as filling one in for yourself.

In-Person Meeting

Share your feedback at an in-person meeting between services at **10:15am on Sunday 8th June** in the **LifeCentre**.

Online Meeting

Join us for an online consultation on **Wednesday 11th June** to share your thoughts. If you would like to attend the online meeting, please email alys@stchadsromiley.co.uk and she will send you the link.

Additionally, **Dave, Katie and Richard** will be visiting **Mini Church, Kids Church, and Youth Church** over the coming weeks to gather feedback directly from our children and youth.

Prayer Events



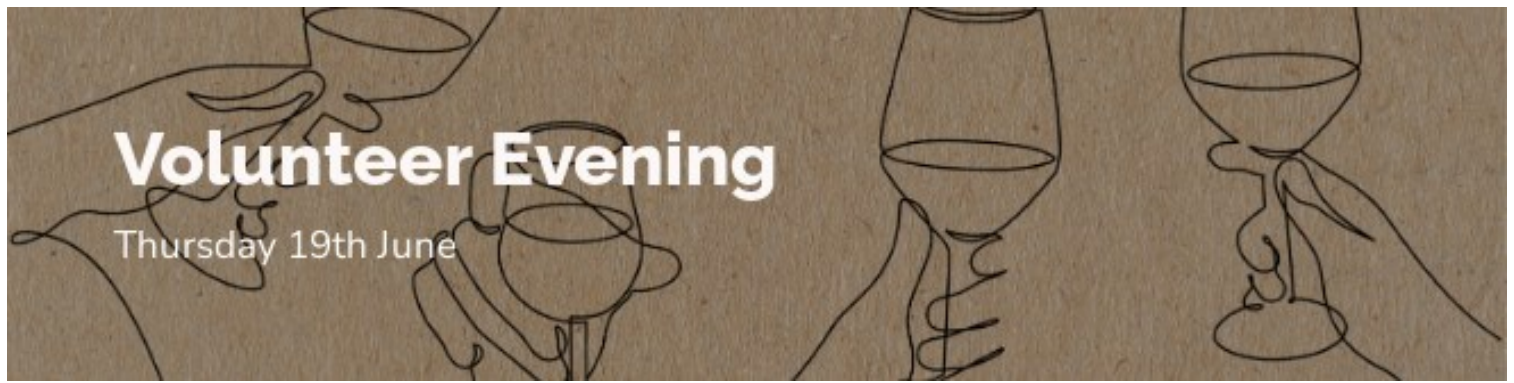
Each time we gather, we're meeting with God in powerful ways and aligning ourselves with His purposes and plans. The time we spend together in prayer is bearing real fruit—strengthening our faith, deepening our unity, and releasing God's presence among us.

May: Tonight (21st May) 7.30pm at the LifeCentre.

June:

Weds 18th 1.30pm in church

Thurs 26th 7.30pm at the LifeCentre



Do you serve on one of our amazing teams at Chads, helping build up our church family and bless our community?

Join us for our **Volunteer Evening** on **Thursday 19th June at 7:30pm** at the **Guywood Centre**.

It's our way of saying *thank you* for all you give. We'd love as many of our incredible vol-

Great Big Green Day

Saturday 12th July



Join us for an exciting, hands-on event filled with interactive zones for all ages at the Guywood Centre on **Saturday 12th July** from 10am:

- **Food Zone** – Explore local recipes, try seed planting, and meet local producers showcasing sustainable food practices.
- **Craft Zone** – Get creative making **seed bombs** and **upcycling old t-shirts** into something new and useful!
- **Games Zone** – Fun and educational games for kids and adults alike—learn how to **save water** and **calculate your carbon footprint**.
- **Home Zone** – Discover practical ways to go green at home, including **recycling tips**, **eco-friendly cleaning products**, **LED lighting**, **heat pumps**, and **sustainable transport** like bikes and electric cars.
- **Speaker Zone** – Be inspired by talks, and don't miss the **school poster competition** showcasing creative ideas from young minds.
- **Hearts and Minds Zone** – Take a moment to pause and reflect with **healing prayer**, offered in collaboration with **Tearfund** and the **Wildlife Trust**.

There's something for everyone—come explore how small changes can make a big impact!

